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entirely evolved by himself." In the substitution of what Bailly called "a certain probability of the mind felt by a small number of philosophers" for that of the senses (p. 9), he retained many of the ideas of the ancients. The account of the system published by Boshcovic from 1745 to 1758 given on pp. 13-15 is exceedingly interesting, especially in connection with modern work on the exact formulation of the logical principles of physics, and comparatively unknown. Also the accounts of the work of Lobatchevski on non-Euclidean geometry (pp. 19-22) and of the periodic law of chemical elements (pp. 25-30) are well and clearly written, especially the latter. Of course there are many other Slav men and women of science who are perhaps of not quite such great importance (p. 32). There are a few critical remarks which may be made. In the first place, the distinction that the author draws between scientific value and philosophical value (pp. 6, 16, 23, 31) does not seem quite valid. There is really no special domain of inference open to philosophers but closed to men of science and a proposition cannot strictly be false in science and true in philosophy. In the second place, Leibniz's law of continuity does not seem correctly stated on p. 13. There is a misprint for Beltrami's name on p. 18. ϕ

BEETHOVEN. By *Romain Rolland*. Translated by *B. Constance Hull*, with a brief analysis of the Sonatas, the Symphonies, and the Quartets by *A. E. Eaglefield Hull*. London: Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner and Co., Ltd., 1917. Pp. xx, 244. Price, 2s. 6d. net.

This well-written and well-translated book consists of Rolland's short account of the life and extracts from some of the letters of Beethoven. To this is added an analysis of the musical works by the editor. The book is completed by a bibliography, a classification of piano sonatas, and a complete list of works. There are four excellent illustrations. ϕ

A MANUAL OF MODERN SCHOLASTIC PHILOSOPHY. By Cardinal *Mercier* and Professors of the Higher Institute of Philosophy, Louvain. Authorized translation (eighth edition) by *T. L. Parker* and *S. A. Parker*, with a preface by *P. Coffey*; Vol. II: Natural Theology (Theodicy), Logic, Ethics, History of Philosophy. London: Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner and Co., 1917. Pp. xvi, 551. Price 10s. 6d. net.

This is a text-book for colleges, written from the Thomist-scholastic point of view in philosophy. The first section of the book—on Natural Theology—is written by Cardinal Mercier and deals with the topic of God: His existence, nature, activities, and work. In going through the arguments put forward, the reader cannot help feeling that the recent discoveries in mathematical logic on the definition of infinity make necessary a reconsideration of the proofs for God, in so far as these assume that a series—whether of causes or of perfections—must have a first or a last term. The section on Logic is also written by Cardinal Mercier, its subject-matter is stated to be the intellectual processes, its purpose, the discovery of the conditions under which these processes lead to the apprehension of truth. The most interesting of all is the section on Ethics (written by *A. Arendt* and *J. Halleux*). Here socialism, the institution of the family, the nature of the State, and other similarly urgent problems are discussed in a stimulating fashion. In the section on the History

of Philosophy (by M. de Wulf), prominence is given to the medieval period; notice is also taken of non-Western schools of philosophy, like those of India and China, and there is a brief treatment of contemporary philosophy, with a discussion of Nietzsche, Bergson, and others. The book closes with a synopsis of the theses presented in both volumes of the manual, a glossary of philosophic terms, an index, and an appendix. A

BOOKS RECEIVED.

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- Bertram, A. *In Darkest Christendom, and a Way Out of the Darkness.* London: G. Allen and Unwin, Ltd., 1919. Pp. 256. Price 7s. 6d. net.
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- George A. Barton. *The Religions of the World.* Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. [1917.] Pp. x, 349. Price, \$1.50.
- Ludwig Stein. *Philosophical Currents of the Present Day.* Translated by Shishirkumar Maitra, M.A. Vol. II. Calcutta: The Calcutta University Press, 1919. Pp. 237-393.
- William E. Hocking. *Human Nature and Its Remaking.* New Haven: The Yale University Press, 1918. Pp. xxvi, 434. Price, \$3.00.
- George H. Lepper. *From Nebula to Nebula.* (Fourth edition, revised and enlarged.) Privately printed, 1919. Pp. 401.
- Henry Rutgers Marshall. *Mind and Conduct.* New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1919. Pp. viii, 236. Price, \$1.75.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we chronicle the death of W. Max Müller, who lost his life at Wildwood, N. J., on July 12, when taking his daily swim in the ocean. Dr. Müller was born at Gleissenberg, Germany, May 15, 1862. After studying in the universities of Leipsic, Berlin, and Munich, and taking his doctor's degree in the University of Leipsic, he came to the United States in 1888. He soon became known as one of the foremost Orientalists in the country. Among his contributions to various periodical publications one of the most recent was his paper on "Noah and His Family" which appeared in *The Monist* for April, 1919, under the pen-name M. Milman.

As we are going to press the sad news reaches us of the death of Mr. Philip E. B. Jourdain, our associate editor in London. Mr. Jourdain died at his home in Hampshire, England, October 2.